

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS**

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

9:00am

In attendance: Larry Giorgi

Jeffrey Hutton

Richard Mandarin

Michael Newman

Michael Raposa

William J. Riley, Chair

Board Members Lionel Bernardino and Anthony Cardarelli were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator; Nicholas Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator and Mary Ellen McQueeney- Lally, DLT Legal Counsel;

1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by Chair William J. Riley.

2.) Minutes of February 16, 2016: Jeffrey Hutton made a motion to accept the minutes of May 17, 2016; seconded by Richard Mandarini and passed unanimously.

3.) Conflict of Interest – Legal Counsel will address the Board concerning compliance with conflict of interest requirements: , Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lally DLT Legal Counsel, reminds the Board that they are subject to the RI conflict of interest laws and of their responsibility to disclose conflicts of interest. If there is a conflict, or a board member feels they cannot be impartial, board members should recuse from both hearing and voting on the matter. Legal counsel is available if needed. Forms are available.

4.) Violation Appeal Hearings:

Horlbogen, Tom—Brown Dog Builders LLC—Violation 5411 Tom Horlbogen was in attendance.

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: Dave's Marketplace, 18 Airport Rd, Warwick RI

**VIOLATION: 5-20-12 Corporations and firms engaged in business
On November 25, 2015, Rhode Island Chief Mechanical Investigator**

Nicholas Rannone conducted an investigation at the above location. Upon entering the premises, Mr. Ranone witnessed Steven J. Cotton of 22 Silver Lake Avenue, Pascoag, RI 02859 installing PVC Drainage in a trench in the floor. After further investigation, it was determined that Mr. Cotton was an employee of Tom Horlbogen, owner of Brown Dog Builders LLC.

Mr. Ranone questioned Mr Horlbogen and was informed that Mr. Horlbogen had instructed Mr. Cotton to install the PVC Condensate drain and assisted in the installation. Brown Dog Builders and Mr. Horlbogen do not hold a Master Plumbers License in RI. Also, Mr. Cotton is not a licensed plumber in RI. A permit was taken in the City of Warwick for the installation by Norman Pelletier MP001912 who was supposed to do the install. Brown Dog Builders took it upon themselves to start the installation because of time restrictions associated with the remodel.

This is a violation of the above referenced Rhode Island General Law. E. Patrick Luther reads the violation and is questioned by the Board and testifies.

Chief Mechanical Investigator Nicholas Ranone testifies as to what he witnessed at the job site.

Mr. Horlbogen is questioned by the Board and testifies.

Regarding Violation 541, Michael Newman made a motion that a

violation did occur; seconded by Jeff Hutton. The Board was unanimous and the motion passed.

Regarding the fine for Violation 5411, Michael Raposa made a motion that the fine of \$1,500.00 be suspended for a period of one (1) year pending no further violation(s). This was based on testimony and the time constraint given; seconded by Michael Newman. The Board was unanimous and the motion passed.

5.) Apprentice Program

- Julio Lauriano Steve Antoch MP001956**
- Tyler Stefano Steve Antoch MP001956**
- Ryan Bourgeois Doug Goss MP001763**
- Matthew Fox John Phillips MP001592**
- Mario Reyes John Phillips MP001592**
- Armond Cote Dave Cote MP001750**
- John Cote Glen Andersen MP001933**
- Anthony DePetrillo Mark DePetrillo MP001865**
- Nelson DaLuz Tom Malone MP001814**
- Dan Shaw Chris Campagnone MP002228**
- Cory Munson Richard Desrosiers MP001578**
- Gregory Azar Bruce Dumas MP001903**

- **Randy Lavoie Len Gemma MP001809**

E. Patrick Luther confirms that requirements have been met.

Larry Giorgi made a motion to accept the new apprentice approvals/apprentice registrations; seconded by Michael Raposa and passed unanimously by the Board.

6.) Mandatory Continuing Education

There was discussion by the Board.

7.) Adjournment: Michael Newman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Larry Giorgi. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.